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Fairy Cabin 'now a crime scene'

TRAIL STEWARD RECALLS FIND

He was trying to locate it before a paving project started; he was shocked by the interior

By SARA JEAN GREEN
Seattle Times staff reporter

CJ Jones, a state Department of Natural Resources (DNR) trail steward, was hiking with a couple of volunteers through thick forest when they discovered the elusive "Fairy Cabin" late on a Friday afternoon in November 2016. It was Jones' 28th birthday.

"We were very excited, excited to finally find it," Jones recalled in a phone interview Tuesday. "Once I climbed the ladder and went in, the mood immediately changed. I said, 'This is now a crime scene.' "

Inside the cabin illegally built on federal land, Jones immediately spotted framed, sexually explicit images of girls affixed to the walls. Jones' discovery sparked a monthslong investigation by the FBI that culminated with criminal charges being filed last week against a Mill Creek man.

The Seattle Times published a story Monday describing the investigation that led King County prosecutors to charge Daniel Wood, 56, with two counts of possession of depictions of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct. The story went viral, prompting DNR officials to make Jones available for media interviews Tuesday.

Jones, now 29, recounted details of his involvement, with his sequence of events differing slightly from those outlined in criminal charging papers.

The state DNR works with King County and the U.S. Forest Service, which are the other large landowners in the area, Jones said. The cabin is located within the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, which is under Forest

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COURTESY OF FBI SEATTLE FIELD OFFICE

This photograph of an illegally built cabin in the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest was included in a warrant obtained by the FBI to search suspect Daniel Wood's Mill Creek condo.

The neighborhood that could: West Seattle saves beloved shop

COFFEE & COMMUNITY | From kids bearing quarters to a customer who gave $5K, hundreds opened their wallets to help the owners of a unique coffeehouse.

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Thanks to donations, Pete and Cameron Moores will be able to buy the bungalow that houses C & P Coffee Company. Cameron Moores says they are "over the moon" from "the goodwill and the love of our neighbors, friends, family and total strangers … "

By ERIK LACITIS
Seattle Times staff reporter

Something quite astounding has happened in West Seattle these last two months.

More than 500 people were so emotionally attached to a coffeehouse that they came up with at least $77,240 to save it from being torn down.

For 15 years it has been doing business as the C & P Coffee Company in a turn-of-the-century bungalow on California Avenue Southwest.

The historic building and the friendly place were a perfect match in yet another neighborhood undergoing development upheaval.

Liz Nason, 71, who's retired from managing catering at the University of Washington, and her husband, James Nason, 74, a retired Metro bus driver, gave $500.

The Nasons are not exactly rolling in money.

That $500 could have gone to savings to paint their home that's a 10-minute walk from C & P.

"In the world of economics in which 2 plus 2 equals 4," says Liz Nason, "that's too much money. But in a world where a place like this is priceless, it wasn't enough."

With the GoFundMe money and an unspecified agreement with the current owner, Cam and Pete Moores, the couple who started C & P, will be able to buy the bungalow that had been marked for sale at $1.25 million.

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Johnny Nails, wearing white shirt, visits with Daniel G. Harmann under the watchful eye of Nails' daughter Sav, 19 months, at C & P Coffee Company. The West Seattle coffee shop opened about 15 years ago.

Cam Moores says she can't talk about any details regarding the transaction until the deal is closed. In addition to the GoFundMe

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Amazon is No. 2 among world's most valuable public companies

TOPS GOOGLE PARENT ALPHABET

Beating search giant latest sign of e-commerce giant's rapid rise

By MATT DAY
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Amazon has become the second most valuable publicly traded company in the world.

The Seattle retailer on Tuesday topped Google parent Alphabet, landing for the first time in the No. 2 spot by the stock market's reckoning, behind only Apple.

Amazon's move past the Mountain View, California-based search giant is the latest sign of the company's rapid ascension in the last few years from an online retailer to a sprawling conglomerate with interests from business software to brick-and-mortar grocery retail and air transport.

Three years ago, Amazon was ranked 34th by market capitalization, according to S&P Capital IQ.

"It's been remarkable the number of new, large markets that they've been able to open," said Brent Thill, an analyst who

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Aides warn Trump not to congratulate Putin on re-election; he does it anyway

By CAROL D. LEONNIG, DAVID NAKAMURA AND JOSH DAWSEY
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump did not follow specific warnings from his national-security advisers when he congratulated Russian President Vladimir Putin Tuesday on his re-election, including a section in his briefing materials in all-capital letters stating, "DO NOT CONGRATULATE," according to officials familiar with the call.

Trump also chose not to heed talking points from aides instructing him to condemn Putin concerning the recent poisoning of a former Russian spy in the United Kingdom with a powerful nerve agent, a case that both the British and U.S. governments have

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